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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FORMULATION OF AMBASSADOR'S SPECIFIC GOALS AND  
TASKS

REF: STATE 202267

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF BUREAU'S DRAFT OF SUBJECT DOCUMENT. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ASAP.

2. BEGIN TEXT:  
SPECIFIC GOALS AND TASKS FOR AMBASSADOR: LEBANON

I. SUPPORT THE STABILITY OF LEBANON AND BOLSTER THE PRESTIGE AND RESOLVE OF THE SARKIS REGIME

-- DEVELOP A RELATIONSHIP OF CONFIDENCE WITH SARKIS AND HIS KEY ADVISORS, ASSURING THEM OF U.S. SUPPORT AND STIMULATING, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, DECISIVE LEADERSHIP IN ADDRESS-  
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ING LEBANON'S POST-CONFLICT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

-- IN CONTACT WITH PROMINENT LEBANESE LEADERS, URGE FULL SUPPORT FOR THE SARKIS REGIME AND THE NECESSITY OF CONTACTS AND COMPROMISE AMONG LEBANON'S FACTIONS AND COMMUNITIES.

-- DISABUSE ALL FACTIONS, PARTICULARLY THE MARONITES, OF THE IDEA THAT THE U.S. FINDS PARTITION, IN FACT OR LAW, ACCEPTABLE AND ENCOURAGE A RESTRAINED AND CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TO CONTENTIOUS ISSUES.

-- SEEK AND RECOMMEND OPPORTUNITIES, BY WORD AND DEED, TO DEMONSTRATE U.S. SUPPORT FOR LEBANON AND THE SARKIS REGIME, INCLUDING THE DRAMATIZATION OF U.S. ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE AS CONCRETE MANIFESTATIONS OF THAT SUPPORT.

-- MONITOR U.S. MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO INSURE THAT IT IS NOT MISAPPROPRIATED BY OR PERCEIVED TO BE IN SUPPORT OF ONE OR THE OTHER FACTIONS.

## II. SEEK TO INSURE THAT LEBANON IS A POSITIVE FACTOR IN THE PEACE PROCESS

-- KEEP SARKIS INFORMED OF BUT NOT DISTRACTED BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PEACE PROCESS, ASSURING HIM THAT THE U.S. SUPPORTS LEBANESE PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA AT A TIME OF LEBANON'S CHOOSING.

-- FOLLOW THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON CLOSELY, ENCOURAGING SARKIS TO TAKE INITIATIVES AND MEASURES WITHIN HIS POWER TO DEFUSE THE CONFRONTATION THERE AND RECOMMEND TO THE DEPARTMENT CONSTRUCTIVE ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT CONTAIN

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THE CLASHES AND PROMOTE STABILITY THERE.

-- MAINTAIN A WATCHING BRIEF ON PALESTINIAN ACTIVITIES AND POLICIES IN LEBANON AND URGE LEBANESE LEADERS, IN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT, TO APPROACH THE QUESTION OF REGULATING THE PALESTINIAN PRESENCE IN THE COUNTRY IN A REASONABLE AND CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER.

## III. STRENGTHEN THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROCESS

-- ENCOURAGE THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT TO FORMULATE CLEAR AND ACHIEVEABLE PLANS FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND MEETING THE NEEDS, THROUGH GOVERNMENTAL STIMULATION AND PARTICIPATION IF NECESSARY, OF LEBANON'S DISADVANTAGED.

-- SEEK WHEREVER POSSIBLE TO ENCOURAGE NATIONAL PLANNING AND TO DISCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISCRETE ECONOMIC ENCLAVES.

-- PROMOTE, AS THE SECURITY SITUATION AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY PERMIT, THE RE-EXPANSION OF U.S. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY.

-- DEVISE AND RECOMMEND CULTURAL AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS,

INCLUDING EXCHANGE PROGRAMS, WHICH WILL COMPLEMENT OUR  
POLITICAL EFFORTS TO PROMOTE STABILITY AND MAINTAIN THE  
TRADITIONAL HUMAN AND PHILOSOPHICAL BONDS BETWEEN THE U.S.  
AND LEBANON. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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